MISS LATHROP TELLS OF CHILDREN'S BUREAU

Government Expert Says Virginia's Vital Statistics Work Is Being Closely Watched.

BIRTHS SHOULD BE RECORDED

Absence of Reliable Statistics Serious Handicap in Efforts to Reduce Infant Mortality or to Carry On



Miss Julia C. Lathropa

What are you doing to help Dr. nion Williams to make a complete the registry for Virginia? Are you distered? Do the State records the close of a most interesting yount of the work of the Children's reau of the United States Department of Labor, Miss Julia Lathrop, its ad, turned to her hearers and younght home to them each woman's are in making a success of this eft on the part of the government to ke out for the welfare of its chilen.

less the basis on which her work is founded.

FOUND NO RECORDS TO
SHOW NUMBER OF CHILDREN

"When the bureau was started," she said, "we came upon a piece of bad housekeeping on the part of the nation. How many children were born in this country? No record was kept. In European countries such records are always available, for they must know how many targets they will have for bullets in case of war." This, of course, she pointed out, is in places where conscription is possible.

Some of the bureau's work is to reduce infant mortality, secure enactment of child labor laws and kindred welfare work.

Miss Lathrop is a very earnest speaker, and she goes right into the heart of the things, lighting up her scientific data with a quaint little twinkle that lets her audience right into the council chamber. The foundation of the Children's Bureau three years ago was what she called a "sublimated piece of lobbying," and, according to her idea, one of the greatest things that the government is doing in America to "make Democracy a living truth."

"Its establishment was the result of

To-Day and To-Night in Richmond.

Central Trades and Labor Council; address, Samuel Gompers, president American Federation of Labor, John Marshall High School, 8 o'clock.
Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, morning and afternoon sessions Central Young Men's Christian Association; night session City Auditorium, address by Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan, 8 o'clock.

Board of Police Commissioners, Police Headquarters, 4 o'clock, Acca Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Bazaar, Masonic Temple.

Council Committee on Advertising and Enterprises, City Hall, 8 o'clock.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Cloudy and cold-cr Wednesday; Thursday fair. North Carolina—Partly cloudy Wed-nesday; Thursday fqir and colder.

Special Local Data for Yesterday. Special Local Data for Yesterday.

12 noon temperature.

3 P. M. temperature.

8 P. M. temperature
Maximum temperature up to 8
P. M.

Minimum temperature up to 8
P. M.

Mean temperature.

Normal temperature.

Excess or deficiency in temperature to-day
ture to-day
Deficiency in temperature since
March 1...

Deficiency in temperature since
January 1. None

Rainfall.
Rainfall last twenty-four hours. Trace Deficiency in rainfall since March

Local Observation at 8 P. M. Yesterday. Temperature, 45; humidity, 77; wind, direction, northeast; wind, velocity, 6; weather, cloudy.

long effort started by Lillian Wald in her East Side work in New York. As one-third the nation's life is under tutelage in its children under sixteen, all welfare workers realized that lits conservation was of the utmost value."

The meeting last night was presided over by Meyor Bloomfield in the absence of Frederick G. Bonser. David sence, all welfare workers realized that Spence Hill, Ph. D., director of the Division of Education Research, Public Schools New Orleans, La., spoke on

They started with fifteen workers and an appropriation of \$24,640 This year there are seventy-six persons employed, and the appropriation is \$164,000. The nation's Chief Executive considers it one of the very important features of governmental work, and in twenty-one States there are mothers' pension laws of varying degrees of efficiency.

Division of Education Research, Public Schools, New Orleans, La., spoke on "The Question of Organization of Vocational Guidance in the South," and declared that it was not a problem of the South alone, but one that concerned the country at large as well. William M. Leiserson, of the Wisconsin Free Employment Bureau, lectured on "Vocational Guidance" and Dr. P. Clay.

degrees of efficiency.

STATISTICS COMPILED FOR
INFORMATION OF LAWMAKERS

Statistics along these lines have been compiled by the bureau for the benefit of lawmakers, welfare workers and others who will want to take up and perfect the work. Pamphiets are sent to motehsr dealing with the vital subjects of the baby—the parental state and the baby under two years.

"What we want more than to find why babies die," she declared, "is to find out under what conditions they thrive. What treatment is best for them, what countries and States have the best laws to protect them. Denmark and New Zealand have more comprehensive legislation than we -Education, discussed "Part Time Secondary Schooling and Vocation Guid-ance Program."

DR. CLAXTON SPEAKS ON ELEMENTS OF INSTRUCTION

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Dr. Claxton said that there were two
prime elements of instruction which
should be included in every courseinstruction in manhood or womanhood,
and instruction in citizenship. These,
he thought, should be made the basis
of all education, so that no soul should
go out of this world's existence without
some claim to having taken even a
smail part in the activities of world
and national citizenship. Miss Julia C.
Lathrop, chief of the United States
Children's Bureau, Washington, made
an address on "Some Items to be Considered in a Vocational Program," and
an address was made by Frank V.
Thompson, of Boston, Mass.

Mr. Leavitt, former president of the
association, said last night that it was
the most representative body of education experts he had seen in all his
experience, and that good was being
done now that might not be known
until the next generation. The effect
of its work is being felt even now,
though, and already there is manifest
a desire to instruct every child so that
it might not go forth into life crippled
and lame because of lack of proper
instruction in the elementary principles of self-support and citizenship.
There were delegates here from as far
West as Seattle, from New York and
from New Orleans, and all of them
were men and women without price,
who themselves bore all their expenses
in order that they might help a little
in the general welfare of the generation now springing up and of generations yet to come.

PROGRAM FOR TO-DAY'S
SESSION OF ASSOCIATION mprehensive legislation than we

EMINENT EDUCATORS DISCUSS TRAINING

(Continued from First Page.) other related and co-ordinated sub fects.

To-morrow night at 7:30 o'clock banquet will be tendered the associa-

eatest difficulties the bureau had enunitered was to get any accurate
atistics of births in the United States.
I uninteresting and lacking in the
cturesque as the work of a regisy bureau may sound, it is neverthess the basis on which her work is
unded.

On Friday night an open meeting will
be held in the auditorium of the John
Marshall High School, at which will be
discussed the problem of industrial
education for Virginia. Superintendent
of Public Instruction R. C. Stearnes

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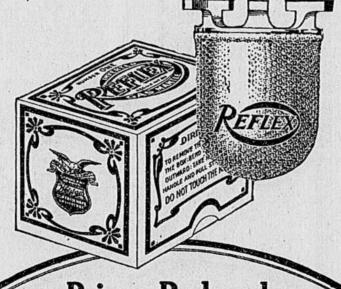


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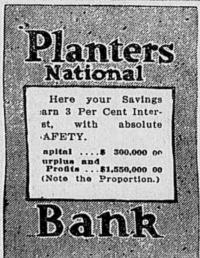


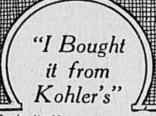
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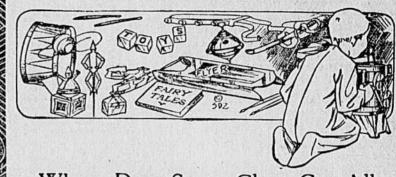
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